Abstract

A process for producing an amine which is characterized by reacting an imine with a nucleophilic compound (except a trialkylsilyl vinyl ether) in the presence of a phosphoric acid derivative represented by the formula (1):

$$A^{1} \underbrace{X^{1}}_{Y^{2}} P \underbrace{Y^{1}}_{OH}$$
 (1)

wherein A¹ represents a spacer; X¹ and X² represent each independently a divalent nonmetal atom or a divalent nonmetal atomic group; and Y¹ is oxygen or sulfur. The invention provides a process by which amines (particularly optically active amines) useful as intermediates of medicines, agricultural chemicals, or the like can be produced without special post-treatment in high yield at high optical purity; and phosphoric acid derivatives (particularly optically active phosphoric acid derivatives) useful in the production of the amines.